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(PCT Article 17(3)(a) and Rule 40.1)

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1. This International Searching Authority

- (i) considers that there are 2 (number of) inventions claimed in the international application covered by the claims indicated ~~below~~ on the extra sheet:

and it considers that the international application does not comply with the requirements of unity of invention (Rules 13.1, 13.2 and 13.3) for the reasons indicated ~~below~~ on the extra sheet:

- (ii) ☒ has carried out a partial international search (see Annex) ☐ will establish the international search report on those parts of the international application which relate to the invention first mentioned in claims Nos.:

1-13, 16-19

- (iii) will establish the international search report on the other parts of the international application only if, and to the extent to which, additional fees are paid


2. The applicant is hereby invited, within the time limit indicated above, to pay the amount indicated below:

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The applicant is informed that, according to Rule 40.2(c), the payment of any additional fee may be made under protest, i.e., a reasoned statement to the effect that the international application complies with the requirement of unity of invention or that the amount of the required additional fee is excessive.

3. ☐ Claim(s) Nos. _____ have been found to be unsearchable under Article 17(2)(b) because of defects under Article 17(2)(a) and therefore have not been included with any invention.

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This International Searching Authority found multiple (groups of) inventions in this international application, as follows:

1. Claims: 1-13,16-19

signal processing method and apparatus for reproduction
procedure management information

2. Claims: 14-15

television broadcast receiver with a moving image memory
plane and a still image memory plane

The closest prior art is described in document US-A-5241659; when comparing the subject-matter of independent claims 14 and 15 with the disclosure of said document, it presently appears that the special technical feature which defines a contribution over said prior art document is the memory unit with a moving image memory plane for moving image data and a still image memory plane for still image data. Since said feature is not present in the subject-matter of claims 1-13 and 16-19, the present invention does not meet the requirements of unity of invention.

As a consequence, the following two groups are defined:

- 1) claims 1-13,16-19: signal processing method and apparatus for reproduction procedure management information
- 2) television broadcast receiver with a moving image memory plane and a still image memory plane

2. This communication is not the international search report which will be established according to Article 18 and Rule 43.

4.If the applicant pays additional fees, the international search report will contain both the information appearing in this communication and the results of the international search on other parts of the international application for which such fees will have been paid.

Category *	Citation of document, with indication, where appropriate, of the relevant passages	Relevant to claim No.
X	<p>US 5 241 659 A (FUNSTON DAVID L ET AL) 31 August 1993 (1993-08-31) the whole document -----</p>	<p>1, 11-13, 16-19</p>

☒ Patent family members are listed in annex.

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Patent Family Annex

Information on patent family members

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